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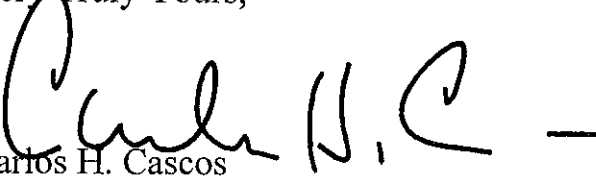
The Honorable Alexander K. Zakharov  
Consulate General of Russia  
1333 West Loop South, Ste. 1300  
Houston, Texas 77027

Dear Mr. Zakharov:

Thank you for your note expressing an interest in visiting a polling station in Harris County during the upcoming presidential election on November 8, 2016. Please note that only persons authorized by law may be inside of a polling location during voting. All other persons are not authorized and would be committing a class C misdemeanor crime by entering.

We are unable to accommodate your request to visit a polling station; however, our office is available to discuss generally the election process or perhaps facilitate a meeting with local election officials in Harris County to go over that general process with your representatives. Please let us know if you would like for us to arrange such a meeting.

Very Truly Yours,

  
Carlos H. Cascos